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Attention: Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Tulare County Association of Governments' 2004 Federal Transportation
Improvement Program Amendment No. 5

We have completed our review of the Tulare County Association of Governments' (TCAG) 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 5 submitted by your letter dated March 23, 2005. The amendment includes modifications to the local and state element of the FTIP by adding, modifying or deleting various projects from the following funding programs: Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR), Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) and the Federal Transit Administration's 5311 program. This amendment aligns the 2004 FTIP programming levels with the approved State Transportation Improvement Program and the accepted HBRR program revenue estimates.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we approve this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450. We also find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The approved changes made to the program by this amendment do not result in the need to make a conformity determination. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of TCAG's 2004 FTIP Amendment No. 5 into California's 2004/2005 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Mayela Sosa at (916) 498-5022 or Alex Smith at (415) 744-2599.

Sincerely,

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